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POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 2009
10:30 A.M.

Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioner's Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Carl Rutske, Chairperson, Edward Haik and Allan O'Shea

Others Present: Thomas Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator; and Karen Molby, Personnel Officer/Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 A.M.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

The Committee reviewed and discussed a letter received from Joseph "Chip" Johnston, Executive Director of Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services, regarding the appointment procedure to the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services Board. Because applicants need to meet certain Mental Health Code requirements, Mr. Johnston is suggesting that all applications be submitted to his office for review against the Mental Health Code and the current Board makeup to ensure compliance. His response would be that the applicant does meet the criteria, or does not meet the criteria with an explanation of which section of the Mental Health Code is out of compliance. The Committee agreed with Mr. Johnston's suggestion and also discussed the need for additional language in the advertisements for these positions. After discussion,

Mr. O'Shea recommended that the appointment process to the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services Board include a step whereby all applications are forwarded to the MBCMHS Executive Director for review against the Mental Health Code and current Board makeup to ensure compliance, and that all future advertisements

for MBCMHS Board appointments include language regarding the Mental Health Code requirements. No alternative recommendation was proposed. (APPENDIX A)

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

The Committee reviewed several Resolutions from other Counties. All of the Resolutions will be presented to the County Board at the April meeting for action, if any. (APPENDIX B)

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Carl Rutske, Chairperson

Edward Haik, Commissioner

Allan O'Shea, Commissioner

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April 7, 2009

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APPENDIX A

Mr. Thomas Kaminski
Manistee County Controller/Administrator
415 Third Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Dear Tom,

Regrettably, because my presence is required at an agency Board meeting, I cannot attend the Manistee County Commissioner Policy Committee meeting this Thursday April 9, 2009, to discuss appointment procedures to the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Services Board. In my absence I hope that this letter will accurately convey my thoughts on the matter.

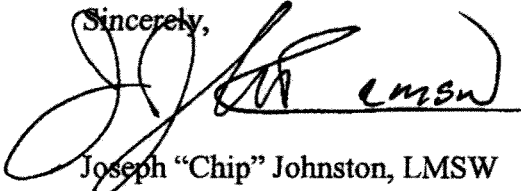
An applicant would have to meet certain Mental Health Code requirements as delineated in Section 330.1222, which states:

- (1) The composition of a community mental health services board shall be representative of providers of mental health services, recipients or primary consumers of mental health services, agencies and occupations having a working involvement with mental health services, and the general public. At least 1/3 of the membership shall be primary consumer. All board members shall be 18 years of age or older.
- (2) Not more than 4 members of a board may be county commissioners, except that when a board represents 5 or more counties.... No more than half of the total board members may be state, county, or local public officials. For purposes of this section, public officials are defined as individuals serving in an elected or appointed public office or employed more than 20 hours per week by an agency of federal, state, city, or local government.
- (3) A board member shall have his or her primary place of residence in the county he or she represents.
- (4) An individual shall not be appointed to and shall not serve on a board if he or she is 1 or more of the following: (a) Employed by the department or the community mental health services program. (b) A party to a contract with the community mental health services program or administering or benefiting financially from a contract with the community mental health services program. (c) Serving in a policy-making position with an agency under contract with the community mental health service program.

Not having reviewed the current procedure (I apologize if I am rehashing already established guidelines), I would suggest that an application include the above information so that potential candidates are able to identify which, if any, of the criteria apply (e.g., township supervisor). The completed form could be submitted to my office for review against the Mental Health Code and the current Board makeup to ensure our compliance with the statute. In order to avoid the appearance of any undue influence by this office, MBCMH's response would be a simple, "yes, meets criteria" or "no," with an explanation of which section of 330.1222 would be satisfied or out of compliance.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (231) 309-1724.

Sincerely,

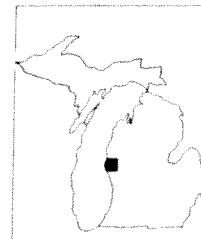
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chip Johnston', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Joseph "Chip" Johnston, LMSW
Executive Director
Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health

Cc: MBCMH Board
File



**Oceana County
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
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Hart, Michigan 49420



APPENDIX B

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION H (SJR-H)

Moved by Mr. Simon and seconded by Ms. Kolbe to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Senate is considering Senate Joint Resolution H, (SRJ-H), a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan by requiring that, effective 2010, increases in the taxable value of real estate in the State of Michigan be restricted and/or held flat during periods of slow growth and/or a decline in assessed valuation. A copy of SJR-H is attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, SJR-H was introduced by Senator John Pappageorge and is currently pending before the Finance Committee of the Michigan Senate; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan, if subsequently passed by the vote of the people, would cause substantial harm to the government of Oceana County, by resulting in an annual reduction of revenue estimated to be \$276,000 and would cause similar substantial harm to other Michigan counties, townships, village and cities across the State of Michigan forcing all local governments to reduce the delivery of vital public services to the residents of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners opposes the passage of SJR-H and other similar efforts that would impair the ability of counties and other local governments to deliver vital public services to the residents of the State of Michigan.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners opposes the passage of Senate Joint Resolution H (SJR-H), a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Gerald Van Woerkom, Representative Goeff Hansen, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

Roll call vote: Simon, yes; Kolbe, yes; Byl, yes; Powers, yes; Malburg, yes; Brown, yes; and, VanSickle, yes. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being the Clerk of Oceana County, does hereby certify that on the 26th day of March, 2009, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners did adopt the above Resolution at its Regular Meeting.


Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk
Oceana County
Board of Commissioners

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION H

January 29, 2009, Introduced by Senator PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article IX, to limit the increase in taxable value of real property under certain circumstances.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the increase in taxable value of real property under certain circumstances, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law except for taxes levied for school operating

1 purposes. The legislature shall provide for the determination of
2 true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value
3 at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall
4 not, after January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of
5 equalization of assessments. For taxes levied in 1995 and each year
6 thereafter, the legislature shall provide that the taxable value of
7 each parcel of property adjusted for additions and losses, shall
8 not increase each year by more than the increase in the immediately
9 preceding year in the general price level, as defined in section 33
10 of this article, or 5 percent, whichever is less until ownership of
11 the parcel of property is transferred. **HOWEVER, FOR TAXES LEVIED**
12 **AFTER 2009, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE THAT IF A PROPERTY'S**
13 **ASSESSED VALUE HAS DECREASED, ADJUSTED FOR ADDITIONS AND LOSSES,**
14 **THE PROPERTY'S TAXABLE VALUE IN THE IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING YEAR**
15 **SHALL BE THE PROPERTY'S TAXABLE VALUE IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING**
16 **YEAR.** When ownership of the parcel of property is transferred as
17 defined by law, the parcel shall be assessed at the applicable
18 proportion of current true cash value. The legislature may provide
19 for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible
20 personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax
21 other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform
22 upon the class or classes on which it operates. A law that
23 increases the statutory limits in effect as of February 1, 1994 on
24 the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied
25 for school district operating purposes requires the approval of 3/4
26 of the members elected to and serving in the Senate and in the
27 House of Representatives.

- 1 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 2 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 3 in the manner provided by law.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

RESTORE STATE REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, the counties of Michigan work on behalf of the State of Michigan to provide numerous state mandated services; and

WHEREAS, counties depend heavily upon state revenue sharing to provide numerous essential public health, safety and welfare services; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the State of Michigan and Allegan County demand an efficient, professional level of public services; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 State Revenue Sharing payments were discontinued to counties, relieving the State Budget of \$183 million in annual state revenue sharing payments to counties, with the promise and agreement that these payments would be restored when each of the individual county's Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund were exhausted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and urge the State of Michigan to fulfill its obligations and promises and fully and unconditionally restore State Revenue Sharing for all of Michigan's 83 counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Legislature for their review, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

ATTEST, A TRUE COPY

Joyce A. Watts, Clerk-Register

APPROVED: March 26, 2009

cc: Admin. - Finance - Human Resources - Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI, 48909
- Senator Patricia Birkholz, P.O. Box 30036, 805 Farnum Building, Lansing, MI, 48909 - Representative Robert Genetski, 88th District, N1192 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909 - Representative Tonya Schuitmaker, 80th District, N1099 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909 -Michigan Townships Association, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI, 48909-0078 - Michigan Association of Counties, 935 N. Washington, Ave, Lansing, MI, 48906 - 82 Michigan Counties (through Clerk)- Allegan County Municipalities (through Clerk)

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COUNTY OF OSCODA

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RESOLUTION 2009-003**“Request State, County, and Municipal Road Infrastructure”**

WHEREAS, State, County, and Municipal roads are deteriorating at a record pace; and

WHEREAS, the longer quality maintenance is deferred due to lack of funding, the more it will cost to bring our county and state road network back into quality condition; and

WHEREAS, our state and county are in the single worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and business development is less likely to occur if our road and highway infrastructure is failing; and

WHEREAS, investment in our road infrastructure will provide needed improvement and provide good paying jobs in our state and these wages will be spent in Oscoda County and Michigan to further assist our economy; and

WHEREAS, the state and other road commissions in the state have either laid people off, reduced employment by attrition or reduced maintenance schedules, such as snow removal, to weekdays; and

WHEREAS, since the 1960s, Michigan has ranked among the lowest of all states, on a per Capita basis, of investing in our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan may see additional federal dollars through a national stimulus plan that is specified for ready-to-go projects, however many communities are not likely to see any new road projects with this money, and in addition, stimulus money cannot be used for patching potholes or snowplowing roads, and furthermore, the stimulus plan is designed as a one-time shot-in-the-arm and not a solution to fix Michigan's chronically underfunded and failing transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation has testified before the House and Senate Transportation Committees of the Michigan Legislature that the propose stimulus package is not an answer to the highway and road funding of

Michigan, and in addition, numerous other voices across the state, major newspapers, road industry trade associations, municipal and county associations, labor organizations and chambers of commerce, have expressed that Michigan must invest more dollars into road maintenance, and one such organization is the Michigan Transportation Team, a partnership of business, associations and citizens linked with the common goal of improving Michigan's Transportation infrastructure;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners request that the Governor and the Michigan legislature implement a plan to improve Michigan roads and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forward to the Governor, members of the legislature, each county commission and road commission in Michigan.

Motion #2009-096 Moved by Commissioner Hunt and supported by Commissioner Kauffman to adopt the above Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **March 24, 2009**.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Marsh, yes.
Commissioner Trimmer, yes.
Commissioner Hunt, yes.
Commissioner Kauffman, yes.
Commissioner Stone, yes.


RESOLUTION #2009-003 DECLARED ADOPTED
"Request State, County, and Municipal Road Infrastructure"



Joseph L. Stone, Chairman
Oscoda County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN}
COUNTY OF OSCODA}

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **Tuesday, March 24, 2009**, and that the said minutes are on file in the office of the Oscoda County Clerk and are available for public inspection.



Jeri Winton, Oscoda County
Clerk/Register of Deeds